

WESTMINSTER TRAFFIC COMMISSION
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 30, 2010

CALL TO ORDER A regular meeting of the Westminster Traffic Commission was called to order by Vice Chairman Fisher on Tuesday, March 30 2010, at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 8200 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, California.

SALUTE TO FLAG Commissioner Robbins led the members of the audience in the Salute to the Flag.

ROLL CALL Commissioners Present: Hamade, Fisher, Nguyen, Robbins and Cruz.

Commissioners Absent: None.

STAFF PRESENT Adolfo Ozaeta, Civil Engineering Associate; Sergeant Nye, Westminster Police Department; Veronica Johnson, Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the Traffic Commission's regular meeting of February 23, 2010 were approved (5-0).

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED The first item to be considered at this evening's meeting was T.C. 10-100, Request to Rescind Parking Restrictions on Edwards Street at Navajo Road (west side of Edwards Street).

T.C. 10-100
Edwards Street at
Navajo Road

Mr. Ozaeta received a written request from Melody Benabou (13272 Edwards Street) to investigate site visibility at the intersection of Edwards Street and Navajo Road. Ms. Benabou's concern was she cannot safely see vehicles traveling south in her direction when she approaches Navajo Road to travel on Edwards Street. Mr. Ozaeta explained parking restrictions exist on the south side and 2-way left turn lanes do not exist due to street parking. He directed attention to Exhibit A, illustrating the line of sight that is required for a vehicle at the stop sign. City standards account for a 5-second corner sight distance for maneuverability. The home at 6471 Navajo Road would still have on-street parking on Navajo. The parking restrictions call out for 103 feet, in addition to 18

feet in-between the driveways. Residents at 13241 and 13251 Edwards, and 6471 Navajo, would no longer have parking available on Edwards.

STAFF'S

RECOMMENDATION Staff's recommendation was for the installation of 70 feet of parking restrictions from the north of Navajo Road for additional visibility.

Mr. Ozaeta further explained he received a phone call from 6471 Navajo Road in favor of parking restrictions and requesting police enforcement to restrict vans parking in front of his home as he cannot place his trashcans in the appropriate place.

Sergeant Nye clarified the difference between commercial and non commercial vehicles; consequently, the vehicles in question did not fit into the commercial category.

Commissioner Cruz questioned the parking restrictions on the east side of the street, by the single homes.

Mr. Ozaeta explained that this item was brought forth at a previous Commission meeting, initiated by the Mayor. Parking restrictions were awarded and hence, the parking of the vans shifted south.

Vice Chairman Fisher questioned if the parking restrictions south of Navajo Road could be removed.

Mr. Ozaeta explained that the tapering road shifts to the right and due to the approaching intersection with a left turn pocket, vehicles drive right along the curb and therefore, parking could not be restored.

Commissioner Robbins was concerned with the parking restrictions in front of 13241 Edward Street.

Mr. Ozaeta stated he would further research the restrictions.

MOTION

Vice Chairman Fisher moved to approve staff's recommendation to install the 70 feet of parking restrictions on the west side of Edwards to the north of Navajo, seconded by Chairman Hamade.

VOTE

T.C. 10-101

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

8362 Trask Avenue The second item for discussion was T.C. 10-101, Request for Parking Restrictions at 8362 Trask Avenue.

Mr. Ozaeta stated the item was generated through the Police Department based on a conversation Sergeant Nye had with the representatives of Shalom Preschool. They requested additional vehicle clearance at the driveway for maneuverability and their concern was with the signage. Mr. Ozaeta referred to Exhibit A to illustrate the location and all that the parking restrictions entailed.

Sergeant Nye elaborated that the sign reading "No Parking at Anytime" was posted before the 10 feet of parking restrictions on Trask Avenue and the east driveway. Additional identical signs are placed further down the street, and the red curb markings cause confusion to drivers for two reasons:

1. Is the first sign "No Parking at Anytime" for the entire length?
2. Is the first sign for the approaching red curb to prepare for no stopping at anytime?

The majority believed that parking restrictions are for the entire stretch; although, vehicles park all the way up to the lip of the driveway. This causes sight visibility issues exiting the driveway for a left turn maneuver as vehicles cannot see oncoming traffic in the number one and number two lanes.

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION Staff's recommendation was to keep the existing red curb markings and add an additional 10 feet for vehicle clearance.

MOTION Chairman Hamade moved to approve staff's recommendation, seconded by Vice Chairman Fisher.

VOTE The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**T.C. 73-107
Revised Traffic
Signal Priority List** Mr. Ozaeta explained to the Commission that the traffic signals in the City are verified against the national and state mandates, called Traffic Signal Warrants, which consist of eight warrants. The warrants are a statistical analysis of all signals in the country and identify successful signals where there are limited accidents and better vehicle and pedestrian flow versus signal locations that are

unwarranted. If the subject intersection meets a multiple number of these warrants, then technically you are building a more successful and beneficial signal. This is based on the requirements set forth in the California Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). The warrants are as follows:

1. Eight Hour Vehicular Volume
2. Four Hour Vehicular Volume
3. Peak Hour Vehicular Volume
4. Pedestrian Volume
5. School Crossing
6. Coordinated Signal System
7. Crash Experience
8. Roadway Network

Some traffic signal installations are initiated from petitions from residents and schools for the City to consider. If a warrant is met, the intersection is placed on the list. It is then up to the Traffic Engineer to devise a system in which these signals are prioritized. Some of the signals on the list have been on the list for 20 years waiting for funding. Staff has studied and provided data for the purpose of traffic signal priority ranking. The results are as follows:

1. Springdale Street and Iroquois Road
2. Springdale Street and Meinhardt Road
3. Bolsa Avenue and Temple Street
4. Hoover Street and Main Street
5. Hazard Avenue and Chestnut Street

Currently, money has been allocated for the design and preconstruction at Hoover and 21st Street. Once approved, funding for the next fiscal year will permit installation of the first signal on the list, Springdale Street and Iroquois Road. This particular intersection met 4 warrants. Mr. Ozaeta discussed with the Commission each intersection and the warrants they met in further detail.

STAFF'S

RECOMMENDATION Staff's recommendation for the Commission was to approve the Traffic Signal Priority List as presented.

MOTION

Vice Chairman Fisher moved to approve staff's recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Cruz.

VOTE

The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

NEW BUSINESS	<p>Commissioner Cruz inquired if 15 feet fire hydrant restrictions could be allocated throughout the City.</p> <p>Mr. Ozaeta explained that problematic locations that arise will be examined; however, rendering all locations would not be advisable due to the cost and maintenance.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	There were no "Old Business" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.
INFORMATION AND REPORTS	There were no "Information and Reports" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS	There were no "Oral Communications" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.
WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS	There were no "Written Communications" items presented to the Commission at tonight's meeting.
ITEMS COMMISSIONERS MAY WISH TO DISCUSS	<p>Commissioner Robbins questioned if staff had received a letter from the Historical Society regarding the parking restrictions at Blakey Park.</p> <p>Mr. Ozaeta informed the Commission that 2 letters were received and staff will investigate the location in question. If the item does not need to be brought forth to next month's meeting, then staff will provide the updates.</p>
ITEMS STAFF MAY WISH TO DISCUSS	<p>Mr. Ozaeta added to the Traffic Signal Priority List topic that staff has been searching for funding, yet has been unsuccessful so far.</p> <p>Mr. Ozaeta stated he will introduce the updated speed survey at an upcoming meeting.</p> <p>Sergeant Nye elaborated on various aspects of the speed survey. Discussion ensued regarding the speed survey and its need.</p>
ADJOURNMENT	There being no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marwan Youssef
Public Works Director/City Engineer

By: Dora Salud
Special Services Clerk